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ECUADOR.

Report from Guayaquil—Mortality—Smallpox and yellow fever—Inspection of vessels from Chilean coast towns for Ancon—Epidemic smallpox in coast towns not noted on bills of health.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports, April 20, as follows:

Week ended April 18, 1905:

Present officially estimated population, 60,000. Mortality from all causes, 68, as follows: Infectious fever, 6; paludic fever, 3; pernicious fever, 5; enteric fever, 1; fever (without classification), 9; enteric diseases, 14; smallpox, 3; tetanus, 4; tuberculosis, 7; whooping cough, 1; from all other causes, 15.

Death by ages: Less than 1 day, 5; 1 day to 1 month, 4; 1 month to 1 year, 19; 1 year to 5 years, 12; 5 to 10 years, 2; 10 to 20 years 1; 20 to 30 years, 6; 30 to 40 years, 9; 40 to 50 years, 2; 50 to 60 years, 4; 60 to 70 years, 2; 70 to 80 years, 2; 80 to 90 years, 1.

On April 15 steamship *Chile* cleared for Ancon with 1 passenger from this port. Twenty-one cabin and 3 steerage passengers from ports south were placed in quarantine to complete ten days from port of last exposure. This vessel came from ports along the Chilean and Peruvian coast, in many of which plague exists and smallpox is epidemic, but the American bills of health issued at the several ports omit any mention whatsoever of the condition. The bills of health from Antofagasta and Coquimbo, Chile, are especially remiss in this respect, as they are practically blank, except for the name of the vessel, its destination, and the signature of the consular officer.

April 18, steamship *Ecuador*, a coasting vessel, cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, and Panama, Republic of Panama. A bill of health was issued for both ports. Crew, 59; cabin passengers, 23; steerage passengers, 12; all told, 94. Vessel, passengers, and crew not examined, but passed on a certificate from the ship's surgeon. These coasting steamers take no passengers from Guayaquil for Panama. Vessel not fumigated.

Fifteen laborers were taken on board the *Chile* to work cargo. These continued on as members of the crew to Panama, as the port regulations do not permit communication with vessels coming from the south except by the quarantine officers. They were vaccinated.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

Consul-General Mason reports, April 23, as follows:

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended April 8 was higher than it has been for two months past, amounting, calculated on the year, to 17.2 per thousand of the population, thus being also considerably higher than the rate for the same week of last year, in which it amounted to only 14.7 per thousand. The following cities, however, had a higher death-rate than Berlin, namely: Königsberg, Breslau, Dresden, Aix-la-Chapelle, Munich, as well as Paris and Vienna. The rate of mortality of the following cities was slightly lower than the Berlin figure, viz: Hamburg, Bremen, Cologne, Frankfurt on the